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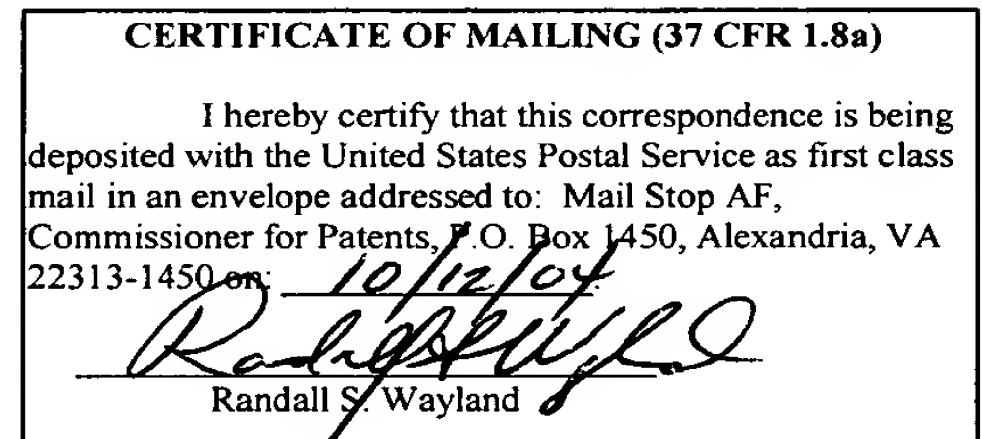
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Applicant : John T. Brown, et al.
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Title : SUBSTANTIALLY DRY, SILICA-CONTAINING SOOT,
: FUSED SILICA AND OPTICAL FIBER SOOT PREFORMS,
: APPARATUS, METHODS AND BURNERS FOR
: MANUFACTURING SAME

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2nd After Final Response

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of September 28, 2004, please consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.